

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 25
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of J.R. Humphreys, Sr.
“The Flagman” of Dickson County, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, The members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of J.R. Humphreys, one of Dickson County’s most patriotic citizens; and

WHEREAS, J.R. Humphreys was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities, but especially in the areas of patriotism and flag preservation; and

WHEREAS, A retired general manager for the Coca-Cola Bottling Company, J.R. Humphreys served with acumen and alacrity in the Dickson Flag Patrol, which performs daily maintenance on about 200 American Flags; his meritorious service earned him the nickname “The Flagman,” a testament to the respect in which he was held by his fellow citizens for the exemplary quality of his work and his devotion to promoting patriotism and preserving the American Flag; and

WHEREAS, A World War II Veteran, J.R. Humphreys was also made an honorary member and treasurer of the Korean War Veterans organization because of his exceptional love for this country; and

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WHEREAS, J.R. Humphreys was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, J.R. Humphreys enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Charlene Beck Humphreys; he is also survived by three children: Linda Raines and her husband O.H., Michael Freeman Humphreys and his wife Judy, and J.R. Humphreys, Jr. and his wife Brenda; five grandchildren: Debra Bryan, Lon Humphreys Natterstad and her husband Kevin, Lance Humphreys and his wife Susan, Zack Humphreys and his wife Elyse, and J.R. Humphreys, III and his wife Stacey; seven great-grandchildren and several nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law, and sisters-in-law; and

WHEREAS, J.R. Humphreys loved passing out American Flags to young children, because, as he said, “[The youth of America] are our future. If they don’t learn patriotism, there just won’t be any”; and

WHEREAS, All who knew him assert that he will be sorely missed; fellow Flag Patrol member Verlie Blaylock said, “He’ll be missed by everyone in Dickson County”; and

WHEREAS, J.R. Humphreys leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his endeavors, promoting good citizenship; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional patriot, public servant, and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of J.R. Humphreys, Sr., “The Flagman,” reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to serving his country and its flag.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of J.R. Humphreys.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.